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## VI.—VOWEL-LENGTH IN OLD ENGLISH.

In Wülcker's edition of Grein's *Bibliothek der Angelsächsischen Poesie*, I 393-400, there is a list of words containing accented vowels. The pieces reprinted from the Exeter Book are not included in this survey, but the accents in *Beowulf*, and certain other important texts, are accurately set down. These texts are *Waldere* (W.), *Beowulf* (B.), *Spells* (Sp.), *Gnomic Verses* (Gn.), *Byrhtnoth* (By.), *Brunanburh* (Brun.), *Edmund* (Edm.), *Edgar* (two obituaries, represented by Edg.<sup>1</sup> and Edg.<sup>2</sup>), *Alfred's Death* (Alf.), and *Edward* (Edw.), the last five being taken from the *Old English Chronicle*. In the summary given below, the parenthetical A, B, C and D represent the MSS as classed by Wülcker. The basis of my grouping is the lists of concurrent accentuation in my former paper on this subject (A. J. P. VI 298), followed by instances of more sporadic occurrence arranged as in that article.

Of the words accented alike in *Orosius*, *Lives of the Saints*, and *Guthlac*, the following examples are found :

ár B. 336, 1168; Sp. I 36, VIII 20; Brun. 73 (B). dáel Sp. I 8. dóm W. 10; B. 1491, 2376, 2820, 2858. eá Gn. 30; By. 63; Edm. 4 (A, B, C). lif B. 2743, 2751; Edg.<sup>2</sup> 9 (A, B, C), 4 (C). mán B. 2514. sé B. 507, 564, 579, 690, 895, 1149, 1223, 1882, 1896, 1924.

gód B. 1562, 1870, 2342, 2586; Gn. 50; By. 315; Edw. 23 (A, B). án B. 449, 2280 (cf. 2210); Gn. 19; Brun. 46 (B).

cóm B. 2103, 2944; Brun. 37 (A, B); Edw. 18, 22 (A), 25 (B). dón B. 1116, 2090; gedón (pp.) Sp. I 2. gán B. 386. .hét Alf. 16 (B). lét Edg.<sup>2</sup> 3 (A). slóg- Brun. 4 (A). stód B. 759, 2679, 2769. swác B. 2584, 2681.

á Gn. 54; Edw. 15 (A, B). éer W. 31; B. 1187, 1371, 1388, 1587; Gn. 12, 56; By. 290; Edg.<sup>2</sup> 6, 13 (A, B, C); Edw. 16 (A, B). ðээр Brun. 32, 37 (B). út B. 33; Brun. 35 (A, B).

á- B. 775, 1390; Edg.<sup>1</sup> 16 (A, B, C); Edg.<sup>2</sup> 24 (C).

swá Edm. 3 (B). úp Sp. I 28; Brun. 13 (C, D), 70 (D).

ún- Brun. 31 (B, D); Edg.<sup>2</sup> 11 (C).

Of the accented words common to Or. and LS.:

ád B. 3010, 3138. bán B. 780, 1445, 3147. fýr B. 2689, 2701.

hám B. 1407, Brun. 10 (A, C); Edm. 7 (A, D). ráed B. 1201.  
wíf Sp. I 63.

ús Brun. 68 (B). hí Gn. 45; Edm. 11 (B); Alf. 8, 14 (A).  
fíf Edm. 5 (A).

bád B. 264, 301, 1313, 1720, 2258, 2302, 2568, 2736, 3116.  
dráf Alf. 7 (A). wát B. 1331.

eác Brun. 2, 37 (A, C, D); 19, 30 (C, D). šá Brun. 57 (B);  
Edg.<sup>1</sup> 10 (B); Edg.<sup>2</sup> 16, 24 (A, B); Alf. 6 (A).

tó Brun. 17 (B); Edg.<sup>1</sup> 13 (C); Edg.<sup>2</sup> 11 (C).

ón Brun. 35 (B); 29, 36, 41, 43, 49, 51, 54, 65, 66 (C); Edm.  
10 (C); Edg.<sup>2</sup> 21 (C).

Of the accented words common to L.S. and Gu.:

hád B. 1297. hláf Sp. I 71. lác B. 1863. lár Sp. VIII 32.  
mód B. 1167; Brun. 56 (A); Edg.<sup>2</sup> 21 (A, B). rice Edg.<sup>2</sup> 11  
(A, B). tíd Brun. 14 (A, C, D); Edg.<sup>1</sup> 12 (A, B); Edw. 8 (A,  
B), 31 (A).

-lic B. 2109.

gewát B. 123, 210, 1274; Brun. 35 (A, B); Edg.<sup>2</sup> 8, 14 (A, B, C).  
dæg Edg.<sup>1</sup> 8 (C).

Of the accented words common to Or. and Gu.:

dæd Edm. 3 (A); Alf. 11 (B).

Of accented words found only in Or.:

bót Sp. I 1. gemót Brun. 50 (A). wís B. 2716; Edg.<sup>2</sup> 33  
(A, B), 27 (C). fôr B. 2308.

Of accented words found only in L.S.:

blód B. 1121. béc Brun. 68 (A, B, C, D). hwíl B. 2002. láf W.  
18 (B); B. 2631, 3076; Brun. 6 (A); Edg.<sup>1</sup> 13 (A), 54 (A, D), 46 (D).  
rím Brun. 31 (A, B); Edg.<sup>1</sup> 11 (A); Edg.<sup>2</sup> 7 (A, B, C). stán B.  
2553. wíg Brun. 20 (C). wín B. 1233. wóp B. 128. þý Brun. 46  
(B). fús B. 1966, 3025, 3119. hál B. 300. bræc Edg.<sup>2</sup> 23 (A, B).  
brúc- B. 1177; Brun. 63 (A). dráf Alf. 7 (B). hát B. 386. mót  
B. 603, Sp. VIII 38. rád B. 1883, 2898. sæt Alf. 3 (A). scán  
B. 1965. hér Alf. 1 (A). tó- Edg.<sup>2</sup> 18, 23 (C). lóf Edg.<sup>2</sup> 17 (C).  
šæs Brun. 68 (B). šé (rel.) Alf. 15 (A).

Of accented words found only in Gu.:

hélo Edw. 8 (B). sár B. 975, 2468. mære Sp. V 5 (B). máre  
Brun. 65 (A). rúm Gn. 37. wid B. 2346; Edg.<sup>2</sup> 17 (A), 31, 34  
(A, B). áge Sp. V 1 (C). fôrð Brun. 20 (C).

The remaining words may be classified in the usual way.

## I.—ORIGINAL LENGTH.

*Nouns.*

æses Brun. 63 (B). bát B. 211. beáman Sp. I 8. cométa Edg.<sup>2</sup> 32 (A, B, C). fæs B. 2230. flód Brun. 36 (A). freán Edg.<sup>1</sup> 15 (A, B). gád B. 660. gár B. 537, 2155, 2641; Gn. 22; Brun. 50 (A, D). hleo Edm. 12 (A, C). hrá Brun. 60 (B). hrúsan Edg.<sup>2</sup> 35 (A, B). lic B. 2080. mæl Sp. I 19. pádan Brun. 61 (A). réc B. 3144. rúnwita B. 1325. sápan Sp. I 47. stór Sp. I 46. swát B. 2558. tír Gn. 32; Brun. 3 (A, B, C); Edg.<sup>2</sup> 13 (A, B). þéoden Edm. 1 (B). þúsend Edg.<sup>1</sup> 16 (B). wíc B. 821, 1275, 2607.

*Pronouns.*

sýnum Edw. 8 (B).

*Adjectives.*

brún B. 1546. fáne B. 2655. fróda Brun. 37 (A). hár B. 357, 1307, 2557; Brun. 39 (A, B, C). hwít Brun. 63 (A). róf B. 2084, 3063. scír B. 1895. swíþran Sp. III 1. wáce Edm. 3 (A, B).

*Verbs.*

gá B. 1394. gebæded Brun. 33 (A); Edm. 9 (A). agæalde Edw. 33 (B). onlút Sp. I 23. nát B. 681. sáh Brun. 17 (B). swáf B. 2559. gewác B. 2577.

## II.—SECONDARY LENGTHENING.

*Nouns.*

bórdweall Brun. 5 (A). gebýrd Edg.<sup>1</sup> 12 (A, B). cneár Brun. 35 (D). eár Brun. 26 (D). écgum Brun. 4, 68 (C). flót Brun. 35 (B), 32 (D). hæleða Edw. 8 (B). hórd Brun. 10 (A). ríne Brun. 39 (D). sécgas Brun. 13 (C). síce (!) Sp. VIII 2. týrf Sp. I 4.

*Adjectives.*

hwáte Brun. 73 (B).

*Verbs.*

genéode Brun. 36 (B). þórfte Brun. 39 (A).

There are, besides, the proper nouns Constantínus Brun. 38 (A) and Dór Edm. 3 (A), and the irregularly accented words hafóc Brun. 64 (C), heafóc Brun. 64 (D), and gitá Brun. 66 (D).

The numerous instances of secondary lengthening in the Chronicle, and especially in the Battle of Brunanburh, are worthy of special remark.

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